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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN BEEF SALMONELLA SCARE

1. AUSTRALIAN MEDIA HAVE GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE TO AAP REPORT DATED NEW YORK QUOTING SPOKESMAN FOR STUDY GROUP AT NATIONAL CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, ATLANTA, GA., THAT BEEF IMPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA WAS STRONGLY SUSPECTED OF PLAYING IMPORTANT ROLE IN SALMONELLA OUTBREAKS IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES OF US.

2. MEDIA HAS BEEN PRESSING EMBASSY MAKE OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING PROBLEM, WHICH WE HAVE REFUSED TO ISSUE, REFERRING MEDIA INSTEAD TO NATIONAL CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND FSQS/USDA FOR AUTHORITATIVE COMMENT.

3. FROM QUESTIONS IS APPEARS CLEAR THAT CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF MEDIA CONVINCED THAT LATEST ALLEGED CHARGES ABOUT AUSTRALIAN MEAT HAVE BEEN TRUMPED BY U.S. CATTLE INDUSTRY IN CONTINUING BATTLE BLOCK AUSTRALIAN BEEF IMPORTS, FOLLOWING RECENT STATEMENT BY AGSECRETARY BERGLAND THAT AUSTRALIAN BEEF WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR U.S.

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CATTLEMAN'S PROBLEMS AND FINDINGS BY INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION THAT IMPORTS DID NOT MATERIALLY AFFECT COMPETITIVE POSITION OF US CATTLEMEN.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON STUDY GROUP'S STATEMENT AND ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL WHICH COULD ASSIST IN DEALING WITH LOCAL INQUIRIES FROM MEDIA AND

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